

REMARKS

The Official Action dated May 23, 2003 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in response thereto. The present application currently contains claims 1 through 15 and 17 through 25. Claims 1, 2, 5-8, 10, 13-15, 19 and 21-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,061,689 issued to Chang et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,092,086 issued to McDonough et al. Claims 3, 4, 9-12, 17-18 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang et al. in view of McDonough et al., and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,348,927 issued to Lipkin.

The foregoing amendment requests the cancellation of claims 10, 11, 12 and 19 through 25. Independent claims 1 and 13 have been amended to distinguish Applicant's invention from the cited prior art. Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 13 are provided by original claim 12 and the specification at page 6, line 28 through page 7, line 15. Minor changes to dependent claims 2, 3, 4, 9, 17 and 18 were necessitated by the amendment to claims 1 and 13.

The rejections of the claims remaining in the present application under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are believed to be overcome by the foregoing amendments to the claims.

Independent method claim 1 has been amended to include the steps of:
displaying said representation of the image data in the client system;
generating a second request for at least one additional layer of image data in response to a selection at said client system of an element of the displayed representation of the image data in the client system;
receiving, in said server system, additional objects extracted from at least one additional row of said database table in response to said second

request received from said client system, the objects corresponding to said at least one additional layer of image data;

in the server system, combining the additional objects and creating a file containing an updated representation of the image data for communication to the client system; and

displaying said updated representation of the image data in the client system.

Similarly, independent apparatus claim 13 has been emended to recite the additional elements:

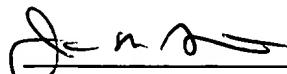
means for displaying said visual representation of the image data in the client system; and

said controller further adapted to receive a second request from the client system generated in response to a selection at said client system of an element of the displayed representation of the image data in the client system, receive additional objects containing geospatial data extracted from the database system in response to the second request, and combine the additional objects into a file that provides an updated visual representation of the image data.

It is believed that the steps added to claim 1, and elements added to claim 13, are not taught by the cited references. Accordingly, claims 1 and 13, as well as claims 2 through 9 which depend from claim 1, and claims 14, 15, 17 and 18 which depend from claim 13 are believed to be patentable over the cited references to Chang et al., McDonough et al., and Lipkin, taken singularly or in combination.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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